



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 6, 2016

TO: Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

FROM: Maurice Kaufman, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Resolution Of The City Council Of The City of Emeryville Approving the Conceptual Design For The Halleck Beach Dog Park, Project No. EPW 107-16, CIP Number 15475025.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approves the conceptual design for the Halleck Beach Dog Park, Project No. EPW 107-16, and requests review comments, if any, before moving forward with final design and construction.

DISCUSSION

The Capital Improvement Program adopted by the City Council in June 2014 included \$50,000 in funding for the Halleck Beach Dog Park (CIP No. 15475025). This facility was requested by residents living in the Park Avenue District in Emeryville, and staff met with several community members in January 2015 to discuss the project.

This project includes the construction of a dog park beneath the 40th Street Bridge, in Oakland, adjacent to the Target store at the intersection of Beach Street and Halleck Street. John Cahalan Landscape Architects (JCLA) was contracted with in March 2015 to develop a conceptual design and to prepare detailed construction documents for the project. JCLA provided a conceptual design plan and preliminary cost estimate in April 2015. The first draft of the conceptual design was brought to the following committees on the dates listed below:

May 13, 2015: Park Avenue District Committee
May 21, 2015: Public Works Committee
September 16, 2015: Parks and Recreation Committee

Review comments received from these three committee meetings were incorporated into the design and are shown on Exhibit "A" Conceptual Design, dated November 2, 2015. The project scope includes the following elements:

- Expanded total dog park area of approx. 12,600 square feet
- Removal of existing landscaping
- Grading of entire site, for ADA compliance
- Construction of a concrete retaining wall

- Installation of stabilized decomposed granite
- Approx. 760 linear feet of fencing and gates
- Eight benches
- Two dog water stations
- Trash and recycling receptacles
- Brick pavers
- Catch basin and sump pump
- Upgraded lighting throughout
- Installation of a new ADA-accessible curb, and
- Installation of a crosswalk on Beach Street

Given that the cost estimate for the project (\$300,000) exceeded the \$50,000 in funding that was available, the project was put on hold until funding could be identified as part of the Capital Improvement Program update completed in June 2016. JCLA is currently under contract to provide final design and construction documents for the Halleck Beach Dog Park. Staff requests that the City Council approve the conceptual design, such that the City Engineer can proceed with final design and construction.

As a first step in moving the project forward, staff has received a bid in the amount of \$4,896.00 from the City's Streetlight maintenance contractor DC Electric, to upgrade the lighting beneath the 40th Street Bridge. The existing 100-watt high-pressure sodium (HPS) recessed lights will be abandoned in place and replaced by new surface-mounted LED canopy luminaries with vandal-resistant, high-impact acrylic lenses. The new lighting system, to be installed in September 2016, will provide brighter illumination over a larger area beneath the bridge.

Concurrent with the City moving forward with developing plans and specifications, the Public Works Department and the City Attorney will need to start a conversation with the City of Oakland to determine if an agreement with Oakland is needed for the construction and operation of the park. In particular, given that the site is in Oakland, there is concern over the City's ability to police the site. Among other legal items to consider, it must still be determined if Emeryville's park ordinance can set the hours of a park in Oakland and have Emeryville police enforce Emeryville's ordinance in Oakland.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Capital Improvement Program approved by the City Council in June 2016 now includes \$300,000 in General Capital Funds appropriated for this project. In addition, the City was recently awarded a \$25,000 grant from PetSafe Bark to be used for the construction of the project. At this time, staff believes that there is sufficient funding available to cover the cost of the proposed improvements. During the review of the CIP, the Park Avenue District, the Parks and Recreation, and the Finance Committees commented that the Halleck Beach Dog Park was one of their highest priorities.

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**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE**



Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Exhibit "A" Conceptual Design
2. Resolution